28 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. The staff informs me that the National Security Medal (a Presidential award) has been awarded to the following ten individuals:

	1953	General W. B. Smith				
	1953	Admiral Wenger, NSA				
	1954	Colonel (now General) Lansdale				
	1955	Mr. Kim Roosevelt				
	1955	Mr. J. Edgar Hoover				
	1955	Mr. William F. Friedman, NSA				
	1957	General William Donovan				
	1959	Mr. Robert Murphy				
o'c	1961	Mr. Allen Dulles				
*	1962	Mr. Richard Bissell (this has not been				
		publicized nor is it generally known to				
		the staff)				

2. The Distinguished Intelligence Medal (awarded by the Director, CIA) has been presented 28 times. Some of the recipients are:

	1956	Mr. C.	Tracy	Barnes	
	1960				
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3. I am informed that General Smith at one time was delegated the authority to present the National Security Medal award (the case of Admiral Wenger). I recommend that you contact the White House and obtain clearance to award the National Security Medal to Bob Amory. Who presents it and whether or not the authority is delegated to you does not seem to be a matter of great importance at the moment. We can process the paper work in either direction without difficulty.

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